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Department of Energy  
Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS  
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-199-Paul Satsop) **Project #: V-O-04/02**

to: Jim Jellison – TFO  
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**Proposed Action:** Vegetation Management on the Paul Satsop (Reference line) 500 kV  
Transmission Line Corridor, structures 10/4 –21/5.

**Location:** The project area is located in Thurston County, WA in BPA's Olympia Region.

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration.

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to remove tall growing and noxious vegetation from the right of way and access roads that can potentially interfere with the operation, maintenance, and reliability of the transmission lines. Vegetation management work will occur between structures 10-4 to 21/5 of the Paul-Satsop 500 kV reference transmission line. The project encompasses the entire right of way width for all BPA transmission lines in the right of way corridor.

**Analysis:** A checklist was completed for this project in accordance with the requirements identified in the Bonneville Power Administrations Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285). The checklist evaluated the following areas:

- *Description of right-of-way and vegetation management needed*
- *Vegetation to be controlled*
- *Surrounding land use and landowner*
- *Natural Resource*
- *Vegetation control methods*
- *Debris disposal.*
- *Monitoring*
- *Appropriate environmental documentation*

**Finding:** This Supplement Analysis finds that: (1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD; and (2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachment

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Environmental File – KEC-4  
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